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Hampstead School Board Seeks Level-Funded Budget

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD — If the School Board has its way and unexpected costs don't arise, this will be a belt-tightening budget year. Nevertheless, contracts with the Hampstead Education Association (teachers) and the Hampstead Support Personnel Association are still to be negotiated.

Board member Greg Hoppa set the tone of the meeting Monday, Sept. 10, by laying out budget goals, guidelines and expectations regarding the upcoming budget season. "This would be a road map for the administration," he said. "It is important to set the boundaries at the outset."

The board would like to see level funding of the budget, so that the current

year's \$23,452,000 budget is not exceeded. Hoppa said that the board would really like to see a 1 percent reduction in last year's bottom line.

While he said he sees opportunities within the budget to meet this goal, he noted that fiscal responsibility must be balanced with the needs for continuing to have the Hampstead schools and students achieve academic excellence and success.

He said the administration and the board needed to keep in mind the financial impact of its decisions on the quality of education, and emphasized the importance of having Hampstead eighth grade graduates educationally prepared to be able to take full advantage of all that Pinkerton Academy has to offer for high school.

Communication among the board members and with the public needs to be transparent, he said, adding that in building the budget 18 months in advance, everyone should remember that exact numbers often aren't possible.

"This is a partnership of responsibility," he said of the budget effort between administration and board.

Member Jim Stewart emphasized the difficult econo-

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Selectmen Vote to Put 2 Percent Raises in Budget

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

SANDOWN — Town employees will be getting up to a 2 percent raise next year, a decision arrived at relatively quickly by selectmen at their Monday night meeting.

Budget season is in full swing and the board was looking to give department heads some direction on what to include in budget salary lines.

Selectman Hans Nicolaisen began the discussion by saying he thinks 2 percent is a solid figure. He stipulated that the money should be awarded based on evaluations. Nicolaisen said the employees wouldn't notice a big jump in their

paycheck but that it wasn't too much for the taxpayers to bear.

The rest of the board didn't give Nicolaisen any argument.

Chair Steve Brown said he would not weigh in on the matter because of the grief he received last year from some residents after giving his opinion on a raise that went to his wife, Deb Brown, the town recreation director. Brown stated that he wouldn't go through the aggravation of being accused of a conflict of interest over about \$2,000.

Brown asked Jim Devine if he would also be recusing himself from the discussion because his son works for the town, but Devine did not opt to do so. However,

both Brown and Devine recused themselves from the vote.

Selectman Tom Tombarello said he favored the 2 percent raise, as long as it didn't come with a raise in the employees' share of health insurance premiums. Tombarello said it was important to reward good, dedicated employees.

Selectman Brenda Copp also agreed with the 2 percent and reminded voters that the people getting the raises were those who kept the town running. All of them, she said, from the office staff to police and fire to the highway department, were there to serve the residents and they did a good job. Copp noted that she

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FIELD FUN Despite showers Saturday night, the weather was fine for the annual Chester Town Fair, held Saturday at the ballfields at the center of town. Above left, Kendra LaCombe and Taylor Sheley race through the obstacle course set up by the Field of Dreams Committee, one of the many activities offered throughout the afternoon. Story and photos on pages 8 and 9. Photo by Chris Paul

Fire Station Dedicated to Former Fire Chief and 'Mayor' Red Dolloff

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER — Just how Raymond "Red" Dolloff Jr. would feel to see his name on the front of the Chester Fire Station was up for discussion during the dedication of the building in his name on Saturday, Sept. 8, but it was clear that all of those present were proud to see it there, and thought it a fitting tribute to a man who

did so much for his community, the state of New Hampshire and his friends and family.

Red's wife, Barbara Dolloff, together with current fire chief Rich Antoine, unveiled the sign that dedicates the department on Murphy Drive. The seats in front of the station were full and people stood all around in witness. The crowds were flanked by representation from fire departments a-

cross the state. Red Dolloff, who died in May of 2011, served as Chester fire chief from 1970 until 1997, and is often described as the "Mayor of Chester." According to many who knew him best, he was a man who had a legendary ability to bring people together to make his community and state a better place.

Antoine described Red as a "a fire chief's fire chief." **continued on page 5**

Road Improvement Work to Begin in Sandown

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

SANDOWN - Work on this year's phase of Sandown's road improvement plan is set to begin this coming week. Roads to be worked on include Holts Point, Phillipswood and North Road, and because of

a go-ahead from the board of selectmen at its Monday, Sept. 10, meeting, improvements will also be made to two sections of Little Mill Road.

Planned in the phase approved by voters at Town Meeting is a shim and overlay of North Road, turning Holts Point from dirt back

to pavement, and drainage work to Phillipswood Road.

According to public works director Artie Genualdo, Holts Point is first on the list. Material is being trucked in and Dig Safe has already marked the road. Though Holts Point wasn't listed on the first draft of the Sandown Road System

Improvement Plan, complaints from residents about its poor condition prompted a change. He noted that last week, the post office stopped delivering mail on the road because of its deterioration. The highway department trucked gravel in, Genualdo said, and Busby Construction offered use of a grader for a quick fix.

Genualdo estimated two weeks to get Holts Point ready for paving. Phillipswood will then be tackled, then a couple days will be spent on North Road to repair culverts before the crews move on to Little Mill Road.

Brox Industries is set to pave the roads in the first or second week of October, said Genualdo.

Genualdo explained his

desire to fix two sections of Little Mill this year, even though it wasn't planned. A 335-foot section on the Route 121A end and another 640-foot section near post number 130 have deteriorated significantly, he said. Those pieces don't have the proper under-drainage, but the rest of the road was recently crack sealed and is in great shape, he said.

Genualdo recently had contractors doing the rest of the phase give estimates on Little Mill.

Earlier this year the selectmen waived the bid policy to award Holts Point, Phillipswood and North to Busby after the company promised the same rates it charged last year. Genualdo said it made sense to tackle Little Mill because the con-

tractors would already be in town and the prices were already fixed.

Estimates for the work total \$48,162, and Genualdo said that after those sections are repaired, the road should be good for another five or six years.

"I think it's the right thing to do," said Genualdo.

The selectmen nodded to Genualdo's expertise in the matter, noting how well traveled Little Mill is.

"If you feel it's a good idea before it gets worse," said chair Steve Brown, "I don't think anyone here is going to argue with you."

The money to fund the Little Mill work will come from the Highway Block Grant given to the town each year by the state.

Raises

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didn't think employees would necessarily leave town if they didn't get a raise but she wanted them to continue to give the extra time and effort they currently give.

Copp, Nicolaisen and Tombarello voted for the merit raises.

In other business Monday night:

- The selectmen approved a number of smaller budgets, as well as the library's numbers.

Though the board went line by line through the library's figures, sometimes getting bogged down over small sums like office supplies, ultimately they decided to pass the budget on to the budget committee with no changes.

About \$1,100 of cuts

was considered during the discussion but no motion was made by the end.

The library budget was approved at a gross expense of \$286,751.15 and revenue of \$865.

All selectmen approved the number, but Copp abstained because the library had included 2 percent raises for its employees. The budget was reviewed before the selectmen decided on the same percentage.

Also approved were the treasurer's account at a gross expense of \$3,968.69, the Trustees of the Trust Funds at \$325, the plumbing inspector at a gross of \$9,180 but a net cost of \$1,700, and the Cemetery Trustees approved at a gross expense of \$4,200. The selectmen agreed with an increase to cemetery's equipment line of \$1,200 to aid in the purchase of a new

lawn mower.

- On a suggestion by Copp, employees and the selectmen will again be looking into a possible rearrangement of the town offices. Though a warrant article failed this March that would have funded construction work to that end, Copp argued that it didn't mean they couldn't look for solutions that didn't require money.

Copp suggested that office manager Lynne Blaisdell move into the office currently used for planning and building to allow her more privacy and efficiency. Planning and building would move into the selectmen's office.

Selectmen agreed to look for solutions and Blaisdell suggested that the group of employees could get together over lunch soon and discuss possibilities.

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD — The Board of Selectmen again this year decided to go on the offensive early with trying to control budgets.

At its meeting Monday, Sept. 10, the board briefly discussed what it would like to see from department heads — at the minimum, a flat or level-funded budget.

Board member Rick Hartung said he would like to see a flat budget, and selectwoman Priscilla Lindquist agreed, saying she hoped the school district would do the same.

Chairman Sean Murphy suggested the departments could do zero-based budgets this year. He said the board would be looking at historical figures and the goal should be to level fund the budget.

"Let's shoot for a flat, zero percent increase in the budget, and if you can bring it in down, find places to cut, don't be shy," he said.

Selectmen's Administrative Assistant Sally Theriault said she would give that message to the department heads.

In other business:

- Hartung said Hampstead has had no mosqui-

toes with Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) or West Nile Virus found by the state lab from samples sent in. He said Health Officer Kris Emerson has been working closely with Dragon Mosquito, the Town's vendor, to monitor the situation. As of Aug. 31, there were no positive findings in Hampstead.

"Kris is on top of this issue and it looks now like we probably won't have to spray this year," he said. "However, it is still important to take the necessary precautions at dawn and after dusk."

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Fremont Road Culvert Project Flares Tempers

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER – Bids for the Fremont Road culvert repair came in significantly higher than expected, and town leaders are pondering how to move forward. And in the midst of discussions over the project, tempers flared once again at the selectmen's meeting.

Just three bids were received for the work, surprising both road agent Mike Oleson and, he said, town engineer Dubois and King. The lowest bid, at \$57,814, is about \$20,000 over the town's appropriation of \$49,945. The next two bids were \$75,000 and \$292,000.

The sum of \$49,945 was approved for the project at Town Meeting, but the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has

also awarded a \$29,958 grant for the project.

The project also has an additional \$12,000 of expected engineering costs.

After the bids were opened, Oleson discussed the matter with Dubois and King and representation from FEMA to determine whether it was possible to begin the work this year.

Following those discussions, he met with the board of selectmen at its Sept. 6 meeting to offer to do the job in house. Oleson said that because he owns the equipment through his MLM Construction Co., he could control the cost and he didn't mind doing it for the money appropriated, even if he had to work a day or two at no cost.

Oleson suggested that if the board was not comfortable with that scenario, it

could wait another year and rebid the project. He cautioned that the road would continue to disintegrate during that time and was skeptical that the price would come down sufficiently to avoid having to find extra money in the budget.

The grant money is available until 2014.

According to the road agent, if the highway department did the work, not only could the town save a significant mark up on materials - he estimated the town could be paying an additional \$9,000 for the culvert through a contractor - but that Dubois and King said the engineering and oversight costs would also be less expensive.

Selectman Rich LeBlanc was in favor of Oleson's proposal, stating that it didn't make sense to pay more

than was necessary when the road agent could handle the project.

Selectman Joe Hagan concurred, citing the fiscal side of things.

While chair Steph Landau wasn't ready to make up his mind, selectman Mike Weider was dead set against the road agent's doing the job with town workers and his own equipment.

Weider suggested bringing the project back to the legislative body at Town Meeting and asking for more money. He noted concerns that if the work wasn't done properly, the town would own the liability, and cited personal issues with violating the bid purchase policy.

Weider has been a vocal opponent of allowing Oleson to bill the town for work done with his own equipment and labor. He

blamed the problem on a "bad estimate," an idea Oleson took umbrage with.

LeBlanc argued that historically the town has worked with road agents and their own equipment to complete projects in town.

Weider went on to charge Oleson with creating "roundabout" numbers, and Oleson responded that he wasn't going to get into an argument over the matter, and that it was up to the board to make the decision.

When Landau tried to get control of the meeting, tempers flared between Landau and Weider, who said he was tired of the way Oleson wouldn't listen to him.

To buttress his argument, Weider went on to complain about the latest bill from Oleson, but was cut off by Landau, who said it was not relevant. Nevertheless, the discussion continued to escalate.

"I am not going to put up with this from anyone on this board or anyone that comes before this board," said Landau, taking further affront when Weider told him to call the vote on a motion by LeBlanc to allow Oleson to do the work.

"I can run the meeting," he said. "I don't need to be told when to call the vote."

After more comments back and forth, Landau told Weider, "If you want to leave, don't let the door hit you in

the ass on the way out."

"I have a voice," said Weider. "But every time I open my mouth, I get cut off."

"It's not opening your mouth. It's yelling at somebody," said Landau.

"I didn't yell at anybody," Weider responded.

When the vote came, LeBlanc and Hagan voted yes, Weider voted no and Landau abstained. Though there was some concern that the tally ended up passing the motion, Landau said his abstention failed it.

The board agreed to bring the matter up at a later date, but following the meeting, Oleson retracted his offer.

He said that while he thinks it is important to get the job done, he felt harassed by Weider and could not wait for the selectmen to make up their minds, as he had other projects that required his attention as winter approaches. He thanked LeBlanc and Hagan for their support but has decided to leave the matter up to the selectmen.

Oleson has been working to get the culvert fixed for about four years. Initially the project was put out to bid, but contractors weren't interested. Then the town received the FEMA grant, but in the meantime, flooding worsened the area.

More Area Churches Sign on for Homeless Shelter Network

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

Family Promise of Greater Rockingham County is closing in on being able to open the doors of a family homeless shelter by 2013, after reaching 73 percent of its goal of raising \$60,000, and 77 percent of its goal of having 13 host church sites. The organization currently has 10 sites comprising 15 churches.

Family Promise, a local affiliate of a national organization, is working to create an Interfaith Hospitality Network in the Salem/Derry area. The network would provide a safe place for homeless families with chil-

dren to turn to for food, shelter, and social services. The participating churches and their congregations would offer guidance and encouragement while seeking to preserve the dignity of the families they help as they take steps to regain their independence.

None of the 14 towns in the network has a shelter for homeless families. Those towns are Salem, Derry, Atkinson, Chester, Danville, Fremont, Hampstead, Kingston, Londonderry, Newton, Pelham, Plaistow, Raymond, Sandown and Windham.

The latest churches to sign on are People's United

Methodist Church of Fremont, East Kingston United Methodist Church and Raymond United Methodist Church. These three churches, working together, form the 10th host site.

Other newly signed on churches are Orchard Christian Fellowship of Londonderry and First Congregational Church in Salem will assist St. David's Episcopal Church in Salem.

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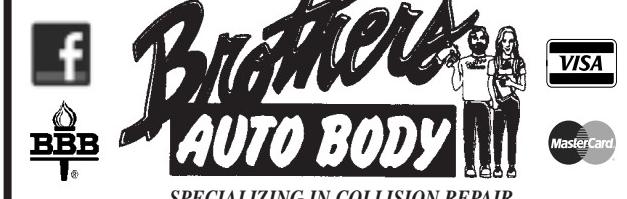
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Editorial

Turn it Down, Please

In these late days of summer, many of us like to sit on our porches, back from the road, and relax. Perhaps engage in a conversation, read a book, or just enjoy nature.

That is, until a pack of motorcycles passes by, making it impossible to hear the person in the next chair or the baseball game on the radio.

That's an experience far more the norm than the exception, and it was called to mind by a letter we received recently that complained about regular fireworks displays being set off in residential neighborhoods – not to mark New Year's Eve or the Fourth of July, but to mark every weekend perhaps, or maybe every other day. All the dogs in the neighborhood would line up behind us in noting the disturbance that creates.

We don't want to be mistaken for Scrooge here – we like fireworks, and motorcycles are a viable means of transportation. But just as we don't need to hear your favorite choice of music blared from giant speakers in your backyard – and you don't need to hear ours – we don't need to be jolted out of a quiet evening by a spur of the moment fireworks display, or prevented from enjoying our front porch – and our property – by ever louder motorcy-

cles blasting by or OHRVs riding in circles up and down the driveway.

As the letter writer noted, there has to be a balance between one person's right to make a lot of noise, and his or her neighbors' right to peace and quiet – or just to the usual sounds of a neighborhood. He cautioned that it's only a matter of time before residents demand that noise controls be implemented or strengthened, regardless of what our state motto proclaims.

When the neighborhoods we take pride in describing as rural and peaceful sound like inner city Saturday nights, the noise levels have gone from the exercise of individual freedom to ruining it for everyone else. And we don't think that's what the "live free or die" motto means.

Before the police are called out to bring their decibel reading machines for every sound, we suggest thinking about what we're doing outdoors. A little less revving of engines would go a long way to keeping down the noise and the tempers at rest. A friendly notice that there's going to be a party with fireworks is downright neighborly.

Otherwise, we're likely to end up with a new set of regulations that none of us really want.

Letters

Adequate is not Enough

To the editor:

I was not in attendance for the Hampstead School Board training workshop. However, I read an account of that meeting in the pages of the Tri-Town Times and I read Lisa Price's letter to the editor in the same newspaper. Therefore, it is my understanding that members of the School Board asked for a definition/explanation of the terms "adequate" and "minimum" as standards set by the Department of Education.

I also understand that the attorney providing the explanations commented and clarified that these were not acceptable standards. I would hope they are not.

As a parent with a child in the Hampstead schools, my expectation is that my child will do more than the "minimum" and will do her best always. I suspect most parents feel the same.

From my experiences with teachers, principals,

and even members of the School Board, I have heard these individuals express their expectation that students do their best to surpass "adequate."

I hope – nay, trust – that the School Board asked for the clarification in order to ensure the Hampstead schools exceed the minimum and are better than "adequate" in their performance. However, given the current tenor of the decisions of that committee, I fear that was not the case.

If we are expecting more than "adequate" performance of our students,

shouldn't the School Board be expecting better than just minimum standards for the functioning and administration of our schools? Shouldn't the School Board be ensuring that our schools are equipped and staffed to perform beyond "minimum" and "adequate" standards?

Terri Grover-Miller
Hampstead

Veterans Can't Support Romney/Ryan

To the editor:

I cannot understand how any veteran can support Romney/Ryan.

Of course they forgot to thank the veterans and the troops serving during the GOP convention. How could they relate, they didn't serve.

Neither did Obama, but President Obama doesn't have five sons who were eligible to serve but opted not to serve. Even the Princes of Great Britain serve in the military, but not the Romney males.

It's not their religion that prevents them because there are plenty of Mormons in the military. If Romney/Ryan (families) don't serve or can't relate to the military, how can we ask him (them) to express thanks to our veterans or military in active duty or be Commander-in-Chief?

Joel Saren,
Disabled Veteran
U.S. Marine Corps
East Hampstead

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Zoning Board Approves Request for Non-Conforming House

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – In its only hearing of the night, the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) approved David Williams' request last week for a special exception to allow him to demolish an existing dwelling and construct a new house at 100 Eagle Road.

Williams explained that a lot consolidation was

involved and the dwelling that would be constructed would be moved to the middle of the newly created 10,200-square-foot lot.

The proposed building would be smaller than the dwelling being torn down. The new dwelling, while still encroaching on lot lines, would do so less than the original dwelling.

The ZBA discussed whether a special exception or a variance was in order

and decided that Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Kris Emerson had gotten it right when he sent Williams to the ZBA to seek a special exception. The original dwelling and lot were non-conforming and the proposed new building will also be non-conforming, but less so than the original.

The ZBA voted unanimously to approve Williams' request.

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Fire Station

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He commended his vision, and the strong foundation Red and his team built for Chester Fire. Antoine said he was proud to see the station dedicated in his name.

Barbara Dolloff spoke with love of her husband and noted how important the fire service was to him.

"I saw in this program where it says 'He married Barbara L. Sullivan in 1961,'" she began. "And under that it should be 'Barbara L. Sullivan Dolloff married the Chester Volunteer Fire Department.'"

Barbara spoke of how important those who worked with Red were to the success of the department and how they shared in his honor. She shared some of Red's place in the department's 78-year story.

Chester had six chiefs in that time, each elected by the membership, and Barbara said that "each chief built the fire department on the shoulders of the chief and firefighters that went before them."

Barbara read her husband's retirement letter. It speaks of the history he had been a part of but conceded that as times changed, the job changed, and the new computerized world the department was entering wasn't one he could lead it into. Barbara took time to relate some anecdotes about Red, and how it was difficult to speak with him without words that weren't fire related.

"He really loved that word 'mitigate.' He used the word when he was late com-

ing home for supper; late for an appointment; late for a family function; late for anything. His pat answer was, 'Well, there were mitigating circumstances that prevented me from being on time,'" Barbara recalled. Or when all of the kids in the family learned the word "egress" first, because Red used it so often when they were blocking exits while playing with blocks or cars.

Selectman chair Steph Landau related anecdotes about Red, a man with whom he didn't get off on the best foot. Landau said he respected Red greatly for his sense of humor, humility, certainty and dedication to others. He noted how personally Red took his work with the fire department, and what lengths he went to for the people of Chester.

State representative, former selectman and longtime resident Gene Charron noted how when Red died, the community and state lost a great and kind friend. Charron read a commendation from Gov. John Lynch.

Next to speak was Rick Mason, retired director of the New Hampshire Fire Academy. Red was one of the driving forces behind the Fire Academy, and his picture hangs at its entrance. Mason said Red was a friend and lifelong mentor. He remembered how dedicated Red was to improving the fire service through better training.

Red was also a past President of the New Hampshire Fire Chief's Association.

Derry Fire Department Battalion Chief David Hoffman said Red might have



Barbara Dolloff speaks about her late husband, Red Dolloff, during Saturday's ceremony naming the fire hall as the Raymond I. "Red" Dolloff Jr. Station 1. With her is Fire Chief Rich Antoine. *Photo by Chris Paul*

been "old school" but simultaneously he was ahead of his time. Hoffman noted how other chiefs sought him out for his knowledge and wisdom, and how his ability to break complex problems into workable pieces was legendary. He pointed to the many historic buildings in Rockingham County that still stand because of Red's firefighting ability.

Chester resident and former Captain John Colman was instrumental in getting the fire station named after his good friend and former chief. Colman sought to have the crowd remember what kind of man Red was, how one of his favorite sayings was "Can't you see what I'm thinking" and how if you couldn't, Colman said, "he'd go through quite an exercise to make you see, and by the

end you were going to see it his way."

Red was instrumental in changing the department from one with basic tools to a place that had equipment

on par with full-time departments. Much of that equipment was obtained with volunteer labor and donations, said Colman.

Colman told the story of the department's first tanker. He said that one day Red showed up at his house unannounced and together they drove to the home of a couple who owned an oil truck they used for supplementary income. The husband wasn't home but the keys were in the truck, so Red decided to take it to the fire station. "Back it in," he said to Colman when they returned to the station. The truck missed clearing the bay door by about six inches. "Perfect," said Red, later explaining to Colman that once there was water in the back of the truck, it would drop down and fit well. The problem with that idea was that it wasn't equipped for water and it didn't belong to the town.

Red soon fixed that, said Colman. He had a talk with

the owner and by the end of that discussion, the owner found he had just donated his oil truck to the department. With volunteer labor from the department and RC Hazelton Company, together with Red's vision, the department soon had one of the best tankers around.

"Red was quite a guy. And I'm pretty proud of that sign," said Colman, pointing to the one newly unveiled.

The last speaker of the day was John Dodge, of the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands. Dodge spoke of how commanding Red, a former fire warden for Chester, was and how he used that skill to improve the world.

Dodge said, "It was never a 'me' or 'you' situation. He didn't ask what you were going to do about an issue, he wouldn't point his finger at you and say 'You need to do this.' He'd pull people together and say, 'Here's what the problem is. What are we going to do about it?'"

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Sandown, Chester Firefighters Remember 9/11 in Stair Climb

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

Sandown and Chester firefighters and rescue personnel joined with hundreds of their brothers from across New England last weekend to pay tribute to the firefighters who lost their lives while trying to rescue the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

They donned their heavy gear on Sunday, Sept. 9, to make a ceremonial trip up a high-rise in Manchester. The event saw 296 climbers in 39 teams begin in the basement level of 1000 Elm St., the Brady Sullivan Plaza in downtown Manchester, and then climb six times to the 20th floor. On the final ascent, the climbers started from the 10th floor. The ascent was equal to the height of the 110-floor Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City.

All money raised through the Stair Climb, with each participant paying \$25, went to support the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

As they entered the building, the climbers were flanked by their fellow firefighters, friends, family and fire apparatus from across the state.

Each of the 296 participants climbed with the name of one of the first responders who lost their lives on that day 11 years ago. It was a day that changed everything, many repeated.

Sandown Fire and Rescue's Kevin Major, Ethan Major, Jerry Lachance, Dylan Tapley and Bob Coffill climbed on Sunday morning. They said they did so because the deaths hit home, and like many, they seek a way each year to pay tribute to the sacrifice.

Coffill, a firefighter for the past 13 years, was studying Fire Science at Laconia Tech 11 years ago. After the attacks he went on standby with the Red Cross

Search and Rescue Team. He made all of the arrangements to head out to Ground Zero in New York City but ultimately wasn't sent. On one hand, Coffill said, it was a blessing that

he didn't go, but on the other hand he has remorse that he wasn't able to help in a direct way.

"They didn't just kill 343 firemen, they killed 343 brothers," said Coffill. "This is a way to pay tribute to their service and their families."

Both Specialist Ethan Major and Sgt. Max Dodge of the Concord Fire Department's Penacook station climbed not in their turnout gear but in Army National Guard uniforms. Both are set to deploy at the end of the month and were given special commendation from those at the event. Dodge traveled up the stairs with Sandown's team.

Both said they had the climb a little bit easier than others because their gear weighed about 40 pounds, compared to others who were carrying close to 100 pounds.

Kevin Major, Ethan's father and a retired Army Lieutenant Colonel, said the event was very emotional - it hit home not only on the fire side of things but also the military side.

"You sweat a lot, but it's something you're really glad you did," said Kevin Major, who also climbed last year.

Chester was represented by both climbers and volunteers. Chief Rich Antoine and others on his crew were stationed on the 15th floor in case anyone needed med-



During the New Hampshire 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb in Manchester, Jerry Lachance of Sandown Fire and Rescue reads out the name of one of the 343 firefighters who lost their lives responding to the attacks on the World Trade Center. Behind him, waiting to do the same, are Sandown's Dylan Tapley, Bob Coffill, Ethan Major and Concord's Max Dodge. Leading the group is Kevin Major, also of Sandown. Bedford Deputy Chief Mark Klose holds the microphone.

ical attention. Climbing on behalf of the department were firefighter and emergency management director Phil Gladu and firefighters Buddy Menard and Matt Tinkham.

Menard and Tinkham said they decided to come out on an early Sunday morning because it was the right thing to do.

Gladu, a retired Senior Chief Petty Officer in the Navy, was not only climbing for his fellow first responders but also for the military. He was stationed on a ship when the attacks came and even though that happened years ago, he remembers everything about the

day - from hearing the first reports, to crowding around a small television with the rest of the crew trying to find out more, to looking for his infant son off base after he was released from his locked down ship.

It changed everything, Gladu said. He deployed to Iraq the following January.

Bells were rung throughout the morning, each tone a remembrance of one of the plane crashes. A bell was also rung for each firefighter who died.

"Arthur T. Barry, Ladder 13." "Dennis McHugh, Ladder 13." "Thomas T. Haskell Jr., Ladder 132." "Gerard A. Barbara, World Trade Center Command." "Battalion Chief Joseph Grzelak, Battalion 48." "Jose Guadalupe, Engine 54." "Michael Mullan, Tower 12." Each climber read out the name of someone who died as the Towers fell. They rang the bell and then headed into the building to begin their climb.

From footage of New York on Sept. 11, Coffill recalled the looks on the faces of those who were heading into the towers. He said a deep sympathy wells up in him when he sees those firefighters, especially because he, just like most of the crowd, knows first hand the work that they did and some of the thoughts running through their minds.

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Decision Made on Payment Process for Ballfield Work

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER – How to pay for the work to be done on the field at the Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Area has been ironed out by the board of selectmen and the Chester Field of Dreams group.

At Town Meeting in May, voters agreed to match up to \$45,000 of funding from the Field of Dreams, a non-profit group that organized a number of successful events to pay for building the fields. The money is going to the creation of a level playing field at Wason Pond, something the town had long planned, but until the Field of Dreams got going, the town had no funding for the work.

Though it had long ago been determined, when Chester Field of Dreams received its non-profit status, that the money it raised would be paid out incre-

mentally, selectman Mike Weider argued at the board's Aug. 30 meeting that the warrant article and statements by the group's leaders indicated the money would be given in one lump sum.

The group reports its books annually to both the state and federal government and must account for every penny spent, hence the requirement in its by-laws that money paid out will be going to contractors on a case by case basis, rather than given to the town in one lump payment.

At that earlier meeting, however, Weider argued that his reading of the warrant article was the correct one, though other selectmen and chair of the recreation commission Ed Kajala weren't so certain and called for input from Field of Dreams.

"What I'm trying to explain is that if we start

cutting checks out of our funds and the match isn't there, the auditors are going to come back and say, "You didn't have the complete obligation as the warrant article was written," said Weider.

On Aug. 30, selectman Jack Cannon asked how the town should move forward with funding the project - whether it should ask Field of Dreams to cut a single check or to pay as the project continues. "It sounds like an accounting treatment, that's primarily what it sounds like," he said.

At that same meeting, budget chair Rhonda Lamphere read minutes of Town Meeting that she said indicated that the money would be given in one lump sum, but vice chair of that committee Chris Hadik said David Veale, Field of Dreams president, told the committee the money would be paid out on a case by case basis.

"What meeting was that?" asked Weider. "That's not how it was presented to us as a board. The meetings here were very clear."

He added that he wasn't trying to say that Field of Dreams wasn't a valid partner, but that money had to be accounted for correctly, especially when 25 years down the road the auditors ask how it was spent.

After hearing of the discussion, members of Chester Field of Dreams showed up at the Sept. 6 selectmen's meeting to make sure their views were heard. Though there was discussion about getting in touch with the group after the Aug. 30 meeting, that effort had not been made.

At last week's meeting, Weider said that after speaking with the auditors, it was determined that the two entities would have to match funds as the project progressed. Weider said the way the warrant article was writ-

ten, not for the full \$90,000 cost of the project but just the town's half, the money would have to be divided out from Field of Dreams on a project by project basis. He said the warrant article was supposed to have been written for the full \$90,000 but it was changed before Town Meeting.

According to Weider, the auditors recommended that every time the town pays a bill for the project, it submit an invoice to Field of Dreams for half that cost.

To start with, because the town has paid \$5,500 for engineering work, Field of Dreams will be asked to submit \$5,500 to keep things even.

Veale said the arrangement would work out perfectly for his group.

Though the matter at hand was settled, Weider continued, stating that the way the warrant article was explained and Veale's statements at Town Meeting

indicated that the money would be given in one lump sum.

Veale said that was not the case, and because Weider was citing the minutes of the meeting, he asked to see those minutes. Veale said he didn't want the issue to become a contentious one, but that it was important for the selectmen to understand that their bylaws, created years earlier, stipulated that Weider's assertions were incorrect.

Before the discussion continued, chair Steph Landau cut it short, stating that the matter was settled and there was no need to discuss it further.

Though Chester Field of Dreams raised the money for the fields, the group is not in charge of running the project. The Recreation Commission, together with the Wason Pond Advisory Committee and selectmen, are heading the actual work. Breaking ground is set for next spring.

Letoile Sentenced in Child Pornography Case

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – Robert Letoile, 41, 176 East Main St., Hampstead, has received a 14- to 28-year sentence for his conviction on possession of child pornography. Letoile's attorneys are expected to appeal the sentence.

Letoile was convicted in Rockingham Superior Court in June on 26 counts of child pornography. He was arrested in 2010 and charged with two counts of

aggravated felonious sexual assault and nine counts of sexual assault involving two underage girls over a period of years, 25 counts of possession of child pornography and 25 counts of attempted possession of child pornography.

The sexual assault charges were dropped and the child pornography charges

were thrown out because of an issue with the initial search warrant. Once the procedural issue with the warrant for the search and seizure of a computer was

overturned, Letoile was again charged with possession of child pornography and was ultimately convicted of possession of child pornography, stemming from the same computer originally seized, part of an ongoing investigation by the Hampstead Police Department led by Officer Mark Conway.

Judge William Delker gave Letoile prison time for four of the 26 charges, suspending 22 of them for a 20-year period. The sentencing took place Wednesday, Sept. 5.

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There was plenty to do at this year's annual Chester Town Fair, which took place Saturday in the center of town. Above left, Colby Bolduc, 1 1/2, plays ring toss at a booth raising money for People to People, an exchange program to the South Seas; Cub Scouts march in the second half of the day's parade; Ben Qualters waits to be bailed out of the mock jail cell set up on the ballfields; and Sean Lahey and Gus Tremblay make their way through an obstacle course set up by Chester Field of Dreams.

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Good Turnout for Chester Town Fair on Saturday

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER — Though there aren't any official estimates, talk at Town Fair was that more people came out to the ball fields at Chester Academy on Saturday than in recent years.

Whether the long-held tradition would take place was questionable even just a few weeks before Sept. 8, but volunteers led by Jean Packard got the event off the ground.

The event brought residents out to visit with neighbors, peruse the wares for sale, eat some food and maybe run an obstacle course or lock up a friend in a pretend jail.

While the core of the event is always the congregation around the booths on the soccer fields, this year was special because concurrent with the fair, the Chester Fire Station was dedicated to former fire chief and "mayor" Red Dolloff (see related story page 1).

Starting the day off at 9 a.m. were two well attended events at opposite ends of town. The Coffee Klatch hosted by the board of selectmen saw politicians at various levels of government meet and greet with residents, with a good turnout for both officials and constituents. Down at the Wason Pond Conserva-

tion and Recreation Area, the Chester Field of Dreams held its annual Wason Pond 5K. About 70 runners took to the trails around the pond and organizers were pleased with the turnout.

Maria and David Veale of Chester Field of Dreams said that after putting together a couple of Wason Pond Pounders (a 3.5 mile obstacle course race that sees hundreds of participants), putting on the 5K was relatively easy.

Back at the center of town, starting a little before noon, a parade led by the fire and police departments ran from the municipal building to the Chester Academy parking lot, with town groups like soccer and

Cub Scouts in tow, as well as politicians looking to shake hands. Bringing up the rear was a local bagpiper.

While many headed off to the Fire Station after the parade, others began to peruse the wares on the field. Local residents sold crafts and food alongside civic organizations ready to let residents know what they're up to.

The Agricultural Commission had a booth alongside the caretakers of Spring Hill Farm, Glenn and Maggie Crawford of Maggie Mae Farm. The wind was a problem for the flower and vegetable displays that some residents brought out for a



Jim the Balloon Guy/Magician meandered through the fairgrounds Saturday performing magic tricks and making balloon sculptures for children. Photo by Chris Paul

contest put on by the Agricultural Commission.

The Lions Club reported a good turnout for its annual yard sale, and its Purple People Feeder is always a popular spot for hamburgers, hotdogs and fries.

Also popular was the mini Wason Pond Pounder obstacle course at the far end of the fields. Both young and old competed in hurdles, climbs, and trips across the monkey bars. David Veale said it was fun for everyone but also let a few more people see first hand what all the commotion was about during the Pounders.

Jean Packard was stationed at the front of the fields to keep an eye on things, but said everything

went very smoothly. Packard said that after a month of hard work, she was looking forward to taking some time off.

This year the event was officially taken under the auspices of the town. While in recent years the event has been separate from the

town, the selectmen made the decision this year to bring it back under the official Chester tent.

Over at the fire station the department held an open house, with food to eat and trucks to climb on. The smoke house had a long line, and many a kid was

excited to tell how he or she managed to make it through the smoke-filled obstacle course.

Chester's American Legion Post fired up the grills for a barbecue across the street around 4 p.m., and offered live music and raffles.

It was also a busy day for the Red Cross blood drive the Newnan family puts together during each town fair. From 9 a.m. until almost 3 p.m., the donors kept coming. Many of them were excited to see Beth Howard, former Chester Academy front office secretary, signing in donors and catching up with their stories.

The sun stayed out all day, but the fireworks were postponed until Sunday night because of dire weather reports. And not long after everyone left the fair, the skies darkened and the rain came.

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Special Education Parent Group Begins Second Year

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD — Although it's been in existence for only a year, the Hampstead Special Education Parent Group is busy advocating for special education students and their parents.

Organizers say the first year was successful, with four meetings that started with discussions and were

followed by presentations on Region 10 services, the New Hampshire special education process, applications in special education, and a collaborative problem-solving approach.

According to founder Michelle Grimm, the year included creating a website, www.hampsteadseph.org, putting together information packets for Hampstead parents of newly diagnosed

children, and organizing a parent networking time at the conclusion of each meeting.

Five meetings are on the schedule this year. "We will be following the same meeting structure as last year - discussion, keynote presentation, parent-networking time - since this format proved very successful," Grimm said. "We will also be undertaking new initiatives,

which include organizing activities and/or social events for children with disabilities, investigating disability training for students and staff, and raising funds for playground equipment."

To help with those initiatives, send an email to info@hampsteadseph.org.

The meeting schedule follows:

- Wednesday, Sept. 19 - Understanding Hampstead's

NECAP (New England Common Assessment Program) results and DINI (District in Need of Improvement) Rating, with Karen Gallagher, Special Education Director, and Doris Buco, Curriculum Director.

- Thursday, Nov 15 - A Survival Guide for Ordinary Parents of Special Kids, with Gina Gallagher and Patricia Konjoian, authors of "Shut

Up About Your Perfect Kid!"

Tentative dates for the remaining three programs are Tuesday, Jan. 15, on Medicaid; Tuesday, March 19, bullying; and Tuesday, May 21, ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder).

All meetings are at 7 p.m. in the Hampstead Middle School library.

Work on Historical Museum Columns a Top Priority

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD — The Historic District Heritage Commission has made fixing the rotting columns on the porch of the Historical Museum its top priority for the coming year.

After checking the budget to see what money remained in the repair and maintenance line for the museum, the board decided at its Wednesday, Sept. 5, meeting that member Rob

Morris should arrange for artisan Dave Dupouy to conduct an in-depth investigation into what it will take to get the columns repaired.

"I think the money we have now will just about cover the cost of him doing that and figuring out what he estimates it will cost to get the columns fixed," Morris said.

The commission will be considering his estimate when it prepares its budget but also plans to look for grant assistance.

In other business:

- Member Priscilla Lindquist said the town has received the grant money from the Methuen, Mass., Festival of Trees, which provided half the funding for repairs to the Old Meeting House balustrade. She said she had written a thank-you letter on behalf of the commission and the town.

- The commission discussed when it would be a good time to open the newly repaired Paul Revere Jr. bell in the Old Meeting House to

the public. While a number of residents had the chance to ring the bell welcoming in the Fourth of July this year, the commission is eager to provide townspeople an opportunity to ring the bell. It took years of effort to get the new yoke made and installed and the heavy bell re-hung to allow it to be rung, not just tolled. No decision was reached.

Morris and member Chip Hastings want to get a plaque attached to the new yoke that lists the date of the restoration.

- Lindquist said Town Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector Kris Emerson had given her an application for a demolition permit for a 1960s-era house at 2 Webber Drive to see if the commission had

any interest in the house. After looking at the application, the members determined there was no historical significance to the dwelling and recommended notifying Emerson so he could grant the permit.

Morris expressed gratitude for the way in which Emerson works with the commission on demolition permits.

Trustees Select Bid for Hampstead Library Roof

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

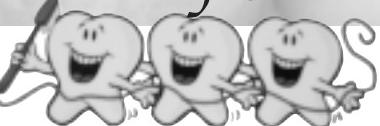
Hiett had narrowed the field to three finalists.

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Trustees John Skidmore, Charlene Flaherty, Emily Reschberger and Aileen Wall all agreed on the JMS bid, and Hiett also recommended JMS as offering the best proposal.

The trustees asked Hiett to contact references provided by JMS and then to contact the company if the references proved satisfactory to arrange for a start date.

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Art by Francoise Armstrong Featured at Hampstead Library

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD — On display at the Hampstead Public Library now through the end of October are paintings by an eclectic artist whose focus is on "whatever catches my interest."

Francoise Armstrong of Hampstead has a fine arts and technical art and writing background and is embarking on her third retirement, where she hopes to be able to concentrate entirely on her art.

As she raised a family

and worked, Armstrong painted when she could, but her art remained focused on whatever it was that caught her attention and piqued her interest.

"I am enjoying having my time not owned by anyone else," Armstrong said as she struggled to decide how to group the art pieces she had selected for the display at the library. "I don't do shows often. I have always been just too busy to get what I have ready for a show. I did a show in Maine a decade ago which was mostly lighthouses, and

before that, probably 22 or 23 years ago, I did a show in Londonderry."

Armstrong began her interest in art when she was in third grade and had free run of her school's art studio. She graduated from Sanborn and has lived in Derry, Londonderry, Raymond, Hampton Beach and now, Hampstead.

"My art (subject) is all over the place," she said. "I focus on what inspires me. I am not enthusiastic about still life. It is very hard to pigeonhole me. I have done some portraiture, animals —

horses were a major focus for a long time, then I was into big cats and then it was lighthouse, and I like portals — depicting looking through a door or window to somewhere else. But if I don't like what I do, I throw it out."

She paints both on site and from photographs — "whatever strikes my fancy at the time," she said.

"No one can put me in a box," she said. "I use all different art mediums. My pet peeve is people wanting to put an artist in a box. I don't want to be there."



Francoise Armstrong is pictured with some of her work on display at the Hampstead Public Library through the end of October.

Photo by Penny Williams

School Budget

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my that forms the local background as the budget is being developed. He said that must be recognized in addition to wanting to provide a high quality education. He said that in 2011, Hampstead had 23 home foreclosures, with 11 so far this year through August. And he noted the town has 101 elderly exemptions for taxes.

"We want the highest quality education we can get while getting the best value for every dollar we spend," he said.

He asked Assistant Superintendent Winfried Feneberg to explain why Hampstead's per pupil cost has risen 117 percent in the last 10 years while Timberlane's has only risen 93 percent. Feneberg said he would return with the answer.

Member Natalie Gallo said she agreed with the goal of level funding, noting that there will be warrant articles this year so it will be important to justify every financial outlay. She also said the board needs to find a better way to communicate to the

public about the surplus and noted that decisions should be reached without compromising the quality of education.

Member Jaye Dimando said it was her hope the administration would start with zero and use a zero-based budget process.

Feneberg reminded the board that only a portion of the budget is discretionary, where cuts can be found.

Newly appointed Superintendent Earl Metzler was present at the meeting. He told the board he had visited both Hampstead schools and was especially impressed

with the character of the students, their caring attitude and the schools' appreciation for the arts.

"I am proud to be a part of this district," he said, then sat back and listened to the board discussion.

Mary Stenson, a resident and former school board member, said she agreed with using a zero-based budget and asked Feneberg for a printout of all expenditures line by line for the last budget. She was told she could obtain the document at the School Administrative Unit office in Plaistow.



Hampstead Champs

The Hampstead Minor Reds won the Quintown Minor League 2012 championship by defeating the Sandown Phillies. Kneeling from left are: Camden Brickett, Jimmy Flynn, Danny Jacques, Logan Brown, Ike Moseley, and Garrett Pintal; standing middle row: Michael Packowski, Trenton Brickett, Dominic Eiro, Nick Monti, and Blake Billingsly; and back row, coaches Steve Packowski, Manager Val Eiro, Dan Brickett, and Jarrod Billingsly.

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Fall Worship Schedule

Chester Congregational and Baptist Church offers Adult Sunday School at 9 a.m. and Children's Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. Sunday Service is at 10:30 a.m. Communion is received the first Sunday of the month. For more information, call the church office at 887-4799 or email chesterchurchoffice@gsinet.net. The church is in the center of town at 4 Chester St.

Adult Volleyball

Adult Volleyball takes place Wednesdays from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Chester Town Hall multipurpose room, 84 Chester St. The recreational-level program is free, with pickup teams on a gym floor with two nets. For more information, contact Sharon Mulrennan at sharon@chesternhrec.org or call Chester Recreation at 887-5773.

Community Calendar

The Chester Lions Club announces its 37th annual Community Calendar sale. The cost of the calendar includes individual listings of birthdays, anniversaries and memorial dates, as well as community and school meetings and events. The sale ends Sept. 25. Proceeds are used for Chester Lions charitable projects, which include annual scholarship to graduating Chester seniors, sight and hearing assistance to Chester residents and support of area charities that benefit Chester residents. Cost of the calendar is \$6, and order forms are available by calling Bruce Baker at 887-4424 or by email at bruce.baker@beangroup.com

Clothing Closet Fashion Show

The Chester Clothing Closet will host a Fashion Show at Stevens Memorial Hall on Friday, Sept. 21, at 6 p.m. Led by Girl Scout Katiana Kable, local models will be showing off the many items the Closet has to offer. Models are needed. If interested in modeling or helping out, contact Kathy Kable at 978-360-5414.

School Supplies

The Chester Clothing Closet is seeking donations of school supplies for kids heading back to school. The Closet has become the local area's go-to place for donated clothing of all types and for the second year in a row, the organization is also seeking to help out families for whom the expenses of going back to school are a little too steep to manage. Everything from book bags to pens, pencils and crayons, and loose leaf paper is welcomed. The closet, located behind the municipal building, is open Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Saturdays from 1 to 3 p.m. Donations can be dropped off at the closet or in its bin at the municipal building.

Book Group

The Chester Public Library Book Group discussion takes place at 1 p.m. Sept. 18 at the library, 3 Chester St. The group meets every third Tuesday of the month. The September book is "The Emperor's Guest: Coming of age behind barbed wire during World War II in Indonesia" by Titia Bozuwa. Extra copies are available for library cardholders to borrow. For more information, call 887-3404.

Storytimes

The Chester Public Library, 3 Chester St., offers free Storytimes with stories and crafts every Tuesday at 11:15 a.m. with Mrs. Emily. For more information, call 887-3404.

HAMPSTEAD

Book, Record Sale

A Used Book, Record and Video Sale will be held rain or shine on Monday, Sept. 17; Tuesday, Sept. 18; and Wednesday, Sept. 19, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at East Hampstead Union Church, 225 East Main St. (Route 121A), just south of Route 111. The menu includes meatballs, egg noodles, carrots, peas, cranberry sauce, breads, assorted desserts and beverages. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children under 12, and no charge for preschoolers. The church is chair-lift accessible. Take-out meals are available. Dinner proceeds benefit the Operating Fund of this historic church. For more information, call 378-0683.

Adult Volleyball

Adult Volleyball takes place Mondays from 8 to 10 p.m. all year at the Hampstead Memorial Gym on Main St. (Route 121). The recreational-level program is free, with pickup teams on a hardwood floor with one net. For more information, contact Dave Murphy at djohnmurphy1@myfairpoint.net or Chuck Wilson at c_wilson@comcast.net.

Sacred Heart Mission

St. Anne's Catholic Church is hosting a Sacred Heart Mission from Saturday, Sept. 22, through

Wednesday, Sept. 26, with presentations evenings at 7 p.m. led by Fr. William Gaffney and Gloria Anson. Sacred Heart Mission is focusing on family, communication and Jesus in everyone's life. The presentations are open to all.

Swedish Meatballs

A Swedish Meatball Supper will be held Saturday, Sept. 22, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at East Hampstead Union Church, 225 East Main St. (Route 121A), just south of Route 111. The menu includes meatballs, egg noodles, carrots, peas, cranberry sauce, breads, assorted desserts and beverages. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children under 12, and no charge for preschoolers. The church is chair-lift accessible. Take-out meals are available. Dinner proceeds benefit the Operating Fund of this historic church. For more information, call 378-0683.

Clothing & Fabrics Sale

A gently used Clothing & Household Fabrics Sale will be held rain or shine on Monday, Sept. 24; Tuesday, Sept. 25; and Wednesday, Sept. 26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at East Hampstead Union Church, 225 East Main St. (Route 121A), just south of Route 111. A selection of used curtains, bedding, pillows, tablecloths, towels, and shoes will be available as well. The church is an interdenominational Christian fellowship serving the community since 1897, and proceeds benefit the Operating Fund. No clothing or fabric donations are accepted. For more information, call 378-0683.

Democrats

The Hampstead Democrats will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. Sept. 17 at the Hampstead Public Library, 9 Mary E. Clark Drive. In addition to the regular monthly meeting topics, information about the upcoming general election will be provided. The featured speaker will be a representative of the New Hampshire arm of the President's reelection campaign team, Organizing for America (OFA). Light refreshments will be served. The community is welcome to attend.

School Test Results

The Hampstead Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) and the Hampstead Special Education Parent Group present Karen Gallagher, Director of Special Education, and Doris Bucco, Curriculum Director, to speak about Hampstead's NECAP (New England Common Assessment Program) test results, the district's School in Need of Improvement and District in Need of Improvement (DINI) labels, the new Common Core State Standards, and the testing that will replace the NECAP at a meeting set for Wednesday, Sept. 19, at 7 p.m. in the Hampstead Middle School Library. The presentation is titled "Understanding Hampstead's NECAP Results and DINI Rating."

All Hampstead parents, school personnel and community members are invited. RSVP to info@hampsteadsepg.org. For more information, visit www.hampsteadsepg.org or email info@hampsteadsepg.org.

Thrift Shop

The Friends of the Hampstead Public Library Hollyhock Thrift Shop reopens with fall and winter items on Saturday, Sept. 15. The shop is now accepting donations of good quality, wearable men's, women's and children's clothing for resale.

The shop is the major fund-raising activity of the Friends of the Hampstead Public Library. It is located in the basement of the library and is open Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon starting Sept. 15.

Art Exhibit

Continuing through the end of October, the Hampstead Public Library is displaying the artwork of Francoise Armstrong of Hampstead. Her work covers a variety of subjects, including seascapes, landscapes, character paintings, still life, florals, birds and animals.

Bridge Club

The Hampstead Public Library offers a Bridge Club on Mondays from 1 to 4 p.m. starting Oct. 1. This club is intended for those who already know how to play bridge.

LEGOmania

The Hampstead Public Library hosts LEGOmania on Thursday, Sept. 20, from 4 to 5 p.m. for kids in Kindergarten through Grade 4. The library will supply the LEGOS and snacks. No registration is required. For more information, call 329-6411.

Superhero Saturday

The Hampstead Public Library presents Superhero Saturday on Sept. 29 at noon, with a matinee showing of a superhero film. The library will provide snacks. The film will be shown on the library's new screen with surround sound, in the second floor meeting room.

Book Groups

On Monday, Sept. 17, at 7 p.m., The Hampstead Public Library's Non-Fiction Book Group discusses "Manhunt: The 12-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer" by James Swanson. The Library's Third Thursday Book Group meets Sept. 20 at 1 p.m. to discuss "Nothing Daunted: the Unexpected Education of Two Society Girls in the West" by Dorothy Wickenden. Copies of the books are available at the library's front desk, and newcomers are always welcome.

College Essay

The Hampstead Public Library presents "The Write Stuff: College Essays" on Wednesday, Sept. 26, at 5 p.m. for high school seniors, but juniors are also welcome. The speaker is a representative of the New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation, which provides free college planning assistance for students and parents. Attendees will get tips and strategies on developing the written portion of college applications. A college resume and letters of recommendation will also be addressed. Those who have a college essay in progress should bring it to the workshop and will receive one-on-one assistance if time allows. The program is free and students do not have to live in Hampstead to attend.

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Needlework Socials

The Hampstead Public Library hosts Needlework Socials on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at 1 p.m. Sessions are Sept. 14 and 28. No sign-up

is necessary. New participants are always welcome. Bring a current project.

Homecoming Dance

The Hampstead Middle School's 2012 Homecoming Dance takes place Friday, Sept. 14, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. All Hampstead seventh and eighth graders as well as high school freshmen (2012 HMS graduates) are welcome to attend. Admission is \$5 per person. The event is sponsored by the Hampstead Middle School Athletic Club.

Junior Olympics

The Hampstead Civic Club Junior Olympics, offering several track and field events, takes place Saturday,

Sept. 15, at 8 a.m. at the Depot Road field. Rain date is Sunday, Sept. 16, at noon. The free event is open only to Hampstead residents between ages 6 through 17 (birth dates as of Sept. 1). Sign-up forms will be available at Hampstead schools, at www.hampsteadcivicclub.com or on the day of the event. For more information, call Dano Anderson at 329-4844.

Crafters Wanted

The Hampstead Mothers' Club announces its 27th annual Craft Fair, set for Hampstead Middle School on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All proceeds benefit the children of Hampstead. Spaces for

crafters and artists are 6-by-10-feet with two chairs provided, for \$60. For more information on vendor registration, contact Sarah Wisecarver at 329-5290 or sarah.wisecarver@rocketmail.com.

Storytime

Storytime for 3- to 5-year-olds is offered at the Hampstead Public Library on Mondays at 10 a.m. and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. No sign-up is necessary. For infants to age 2 (with a caregiver) Mother Goose on the Loose Storytime continues Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Farmers Market

The Hampstead Lions Club sponsored Hampstead

Farmers Market will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays at the Stage Road junction parking lot off Mary E. Clark Drive. New vendors are added weekly. For more information, call Bernie Longbook at 329-5603 or visit hampsteadlionsclub.com and click on Farmers Market.

Fiction Writers

The Fiction Writers' Group that meets at the Hampstead Public Library is seeking new members. The group meets the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 9:15 a.m. Many aspects of fiction writing are discussed: character development, plotting, narrative technique, dialog, point-of-

view, genre, and editing and re-writes. Those interested may attend a meeting, or send an email in advance to HampFicWriters@comcast.net. The next meetings are Sept. 8 and 22. Hampstead residency is not required.

SANDOWN**Running Club**

Students in Grades 1-6 are invited to participate in a new running club offered by Sandown Recreation once a week on Wednesdays from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. with Summer Program Coordinator Cressa Bonnell. Cost is \$15 for the six-week program that runs Sept. 19 through Oct. 24.

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Adult Volleyball

Adult Volleyball takes place Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. (except school vacations) at the Central School gym on Main St. (Route 121A). The recreational-level program is free, with pickup teams on a linoleum floor with one net. For more information, contact Paul Bernier at Pionmet@aol.com.

Antiques Appraisal

Devin Moisan returns to Sandown to give verbal valuations of antiques in the second annual Antiques Appraisal presented by the Sandown Lions. The event takes place Saturday, Sept. 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the basement level of Sandown Town Hall. Cost is \$10 per item, \$25 for three items. Moisan is the owner of Devin Moisan Auctioneers, Inc., in Dover. Refreshments (baked goods, sandwiches, coffee & soda) will be available. The Lions encourage residents to bring multiple items but reserves the right to limit the number of items per person to a maximum of three to limit waiting. For more information, call the Sandown Lions at 974-0758.

Yard Sale Rescheduled

The ninth annual Sandown Town Wide Yard Sale has been rescheduled to Saturday, Oct. 20, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine. All information, including registration form, may be found on the Town of Sandown website at www.sandown.us and navigate to the Parks and Recreation page. Registration forms are also at Town Hall on Main Street or available by e-mail by contacting recreation@sandown.us. Proceeds from registration fees help support community programs. Deadline to register is Thursday, Oct. 11, for inclusion in the sale directory.

Senior Fitness

Sandown residents age 60 or above are encouraged to "use it or lose it" with an exercise class offered by retired physical education teacher Vera Kirk. A free demonstration is offered Tuesday, Oct. 2, from 11 a.m. to noon. The eight-week class follows from Oct. 9 through Nov. 27. Cost is \$12 per person for residents and \$15 for non-residents. Pre-registration is required for the free demonstration class.

GOP Golf Tourney

The first Sandown Republican Committee Golf Tournament is set for to the Kingston Fairways golf course in Kingston on Saturday, Sept. 22, with a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. The

scramble format tournament includes nine holes of golf with cart, lunch, raffle, and Republican guests. Prizes will be awarded for closest to the pin, longest drive, and hole in one challenges. Cost is \$49. Partial proceeds and donations will go toward the purchase of American flags to be displayed along Main Street in Sandown. Sponsorship opportunities for local area businesses are available. Golfers can register and pay online at www.srchnhgop.com/Events.php. For information, contact the Sandown Republican Committee at contactus@srchnhgop.com or 716-1464.

Cribbage Club

The Sandown Public Library offers a Cribbage Club at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. All levels of experience are welcome.

Cub Scouts

Sandown Cub Scout Pack 268 recruitment for 2012-2013 has begun. Scouts from all area towns are welcome. Cub Scouts is open to all boys in first through fifth grades, and offers field trips, educational events and fun. Join Cub Scouts at the Sandown Town Forest on Fremont Road on Saturday, Sept. 22, at 12:30 p.m. Families should bring water, blanket and bug spray. Subs and sandwiches will be provided. Those unable to attend can still sign up by contacting Niki Price at 867-7338.

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REGIONAL

Depression Workshop

New Creation Healing Center, a whole person center of healing combining

medicine, counseling, massage, and spirituality, is offering a workshop called "Healing of Depression" on Saturday, Sept. 22, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 80 Route 125, Kingston. For more information and to register, call Marlene at 642-6700 or email Marlene@newcreationhc.org.

GED, Adult Ed Classes

Adult Basic Education and free Pre-GED adult remedial classes in reading, math and English are offered. Admission is ongoing. For information or to register, call 432-1245. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Gilbert H. Hood Middle School, and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Marion Gerrish Community Center. The classes are presented by the Derry Center for Adult Studies of the Derry Cooperative School District.

English Classes

Free English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes are offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Marion Gerrish Community Center, and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Gilbert H. Hood Middle School. Call 432-1907 for class availability. Classes are ongoing and are presented by the Derry Center for Adult Studies of the Derry Cooperative School District.

Center for Life Management

The Center for Life Management, a non-profit community mental health center, is celebrating the organization's 45th anniversary and its fifth anniversary at its building at 10 Tsienetto Road, Derry with an anniversary celebration and open house Saturday, Sept. 22, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A health fair with information and free screenings, children's activities, free refreshments and a sports memorabilia auction are planned. The event will feature an outside Kids Activity Zone with free activities including a Fun Bounce house, crafts and face painting. Tours of the DUI-Mobile

Command Unit and a Derry Fire Department fire engine are also featured. Creative Creatures will have a variety of exotic animals from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Music throughout the event will be provided by Your Way DJ. Free hot dogs, refreshments and cupcakes will be served. The Health Fair includes free chair massage, Reiki relaxation sessions, and computerized spinal screenings. Representatives of Beckley Family Chiropractic, Community Alliance for Teen Safety, Cooperative Alliance for Regional Transportation, Derry Fire Department, Parkland Medical Center, A Safe Place, The Upper Room Family Resource Center, and the state Department of Health and Human Services will be present. All proceeds from the Sport Memorabilia Auction will benefit the Center for Life Management Foundation and help support CLM's efforts to serve the mental health needs of the region. For more information, call 434-1577 or visit www.CenterForLifeManagement.org.

Sukkot Potluck

Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Road, Derry presents a Sukkot potluck in the sukkah on Friday, Oct. 5, at 6 p.m., followed by a worship service at 7:15 p.m. Shabbat worship services are held every Friday at 7:15 p.m. For more information, call 432-0004 or visit www.etzhayim.org.

Dance Auditions

New England Dance Ensemble (NEDE) holds its annual company auditions

on Sunday, Sept. 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. at 21 Buttrick Road in Londonderry. All performers ages 5-18 in New England are welcome. Students should be prepared to learn choreography and demonstrate acting skills and performance ability. Dance attire is required. The 2012-2013 NEDE season will include: "The Nutcracker," performed Nov. 24 and 25 in Windham, with guest artists from New York City's American Ballet Theater; "A Child's View of the Holocaust" set for spring 2013; and "Story Dance Touring Company," bringing to life morally-based children's literature through acting, singing and dancing, with performances in spring 2013. Performers may choose to audition for one, two or all three productions. Visit nede.org or call 647-5952 for more information.

Hyla Brook Reading Series

The Hyla Brook Reading Series concludes its 2012 season with a reading by poet Sharon Olds, winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award, author of nine books of poetry, and finalist for the National Book Award. The reading is Thursday, Sept. 13, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Robert Frost Farm, 122 Rockingham Road (Route 28), Derry. Olds will read from her soon to be released book, "Stag's Leap." Also reading is Robert W. Crawford of Chester, co-founder of the Hyla Brook Reading Series. An Open Mic will follow the readings, and all audience members are invited to share their work at this free event. For more

information, visit www.facebook.com/HylaBr ookPoets.

High Holiday Services

Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Road, Derry, announces High Holiday worship services: Eve of Rosh Hashanah, Sunday, Sept. 16, at 7:15 p.m.; Rosh Hashanah, Monday, Sept. 17, 9:30 a.m., and family worship service at 2:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Sept. 18, at 9:30 a.m.; Eve of Yom Kippur, Tuesday, Sept. 25, at 7:15 p.m.; Yom Kippur, Wednesday, Sept. 26, at 9:15 a.m., family worship service at 3 p.m., and Yizkor and Neilah at 4 p.m. No tickets are required. Shabbat worship services are held every Friday at 7:15 p.m. For more information, call 432-0004 or visit www.etzhayim.org.

Eckankar Seminar

The New Hampshire Eckankar 2012 Regional Seminar, "Dreams & Soul Travel: Keys to Healing, Joy, & Inner Peace," will take place Saturday, Sept. 15, in the Stockbridge Theater at Pinkerton Academy, Derry. The free event runs from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. The opening workshop, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., is called "Dream Your Way to an Extraordinary Life." The evening program, from 7 to 9 p.m., features Emma Laurence of New York City. Information is available at www.eckankar.org or 800-713-8944.

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